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1. ACCORDING TO EAST JERUSALEM ARABIC PRESS JAN 14 AND 15, WEST BANK MAYORS OF NABLUS, RAMALLAH, TOULKARM AND JERICHO HAVE PROTESTED TO UN AND ISRAELIS RECENT GOI ACTION AMENDING JORDANIAN MUNICIPAL ELECTION LAW AND CONTINUED ISRAELI SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY ON WEST BANK. MAYORS, NOTABLES AND CIVIC COMMITTEES REPORTEDLY SENT TELEGRAMS TO UNSYG WALDHEIM OBJECTION TO CHANGE IN LAW BY OCCUPYING POWER AND TO BOTH SYG AND UNSC PRESIDENT INFORMING THEM OF VIEWS ON CREATION AND EXPANSION OF ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS ON WEST BANK.

2. MAYORS HAVE ALSO SENT MEMORANDUM TO GOI DEFENSE MINISTER PERES AND WB MILITARY GOVERNOR EXPRESSING OBJECTION TO ELECTION LAW AMENDMENT (WHICH GRANTS WOMEN OVER 21 RIGHT TO VOTE).

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THEY ARGUE THAT AMENDMENT IS VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.

3. JERICHO MAYOR SHAFIQ BALI HAS ALSO PROTESTED THAT JORDANIAN
GOVERNMENT CIVIL SERVANTS NOW EMPLOYED BY MILGOVE ON WEST BANK
SHOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO RDYAIN JOBS IN CASES WHERE THEY
THEMSELVES WILL BE CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE.
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